This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the claims:

1. (currently amended): A racket for ball games including a frame having a racket head and a handle portion connected thereto and being formed of a hollow frame profile, wherein the racket head defines a stringing plane and the frame profile comprises at least one opening extending through the frame profile and essentially perpendicular with respect to the stringing plane of the racket, wherein the at least one opening is formed by two opposite holes in the hollow frame profile.

2. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the frame comprises a plurality of through holes lying essentially in the stringing plane for passing through them the individual strings of the stringing.

3. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein at least two openings are provided essentially symmetrical with respect to a longitudinal axis of the racket.

4. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the at least one opening is provided in the area between two o'clock and four o'clock or between eight o'clock and ten o'clock on the racket head.

5. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the at least one opening is provided at about three o'clock or about nine o'clock on the racket head.

6. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the at least one opening is formed as a through hole.

7. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 6, wherein the through hole is cylindrical.

8. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 7, wherein the diameter (D) of the through hole ranges between 2 mm and 8 mm.

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10. (currently amended): The racket according to claim 1 [[9]], wherein each of the holes is essentially trough-shaped when it is viewed in the direction of the stringing plane.

11. (currently amended): The racket according to claim 1 [[9]], wherein the length (L) of each of the holes along the frame profile ranges between 1 mm and 10 mm.

12. (currently amended): The racket according to claim 1 [[9]], wherein each of the holes has a depth (T) corresponding to at least the wall thickness of the frame profile and extending maximally up to a groove ~~(20)~~ for receiving a head band.

13. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the at least one opening comprises an essentially tubular insert useful for closing the frame profile towards the interior.

14. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the frame profile comprises one or more strengthening layer(s) in the area around the at least one opening.

15. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 14, wherein the strengthening layer is arranged at an angle of ± 45° with respect to the direction of the

frame and is woven with a material selected from the group consisting of carbon fiber, glass or aramid and a unidirectional prepreg.

16. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein in the area of the opening at least one trough-shaped depression is formed in the frame profile.

17. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 16, wherein two opposite trough-shaped depressions are formed at each opening.

18. (currently amended): A process for producing a racket, comprising the following steps:

(a) forming a frame ~~(4)~~ comprising a hollow frame profile, a racket head and a handle portion connected to the frame; and

(b) providing at least one opening extending through the hollow frame profile and oriented essentially perpendicular with respect to a stringing plane formed by the racket head, wherein at least one opening is formed by two opposite holes in the hollow frame profile.

19. (previously presented): The process according to claim 18, wherein at least two openings are provided essentially symmetrical with respect to a longitudinal axis of the racket.

20. (previously presented): The process according to claim 18, wherein the at least one opening is drilled, milled or sawed into the frame profile.

21. (previously presented): The process according to claim 18, wherein an essentially tubular insert is introduced in the at least one opening in order to close the frame profile towards the interior.

22. (previously presented): The process according to claim 18, wherein at least one strengthening layer is provided in the area around the at least one opening when the frame profile is formed.

23. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 1, wherein at least one opening is provided in the area between eight o'clock and ten o'clock on the racket head.

24. (currently amended): The racket according to claim 1, wherein the at least one opening is provided at about nine o'clock on the racket head ~~(6)~~.

25. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 8, wherein the diameter (D) of the through hole ranges between 3 mm and 6 mm.

26. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 11, wherein the length (L) of each of the holes along the frame profile ranges between 3 mm and 7 mm.

27. (previously presented): The racket according to claim 7, wherein the through hole is circular cylindrical, elliptical or rectangular cylindrical.